

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether UGC has increased fund allocation for the year 2006-07 ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, University, college-wise particularly to central Universities in the North Eastern States ;
- (c) The details of areas where this enhanced allocation likely to be utilised ;
- (d) Whether new Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research have been approved and special grant has been sanctioned for upgrading the infrastructure facilities in these institutes ;
- (e) If so, the details thereof ;
- (f) The names of colleges and universities which have applied for financial assistance but they were not provided during last two years; and
- (g) The reasons for not providing financial assistance to them ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT.D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)to(c) : The Plan Allocation to the University Grants Commission has been increased to Rs.1269.80 crores during 2006-07 from Rs.786.30 crores during the year 2005-06. The break up is as under :-

i. Central Universities in North - Rs.122.96
crores. Eastern Region

ii. Other Central Universities - Rs.392.04
Crores.

iii. State University of the North - Rs.7.37
crores. Eastern Region

iv. Other Universities and Inter - Rs.747.43
crores. University Centres etc.

Total : Rs.1269.80 crores.

According to the UGC, the number of Universities & Colleges in the country in the last two years is as under :-

Year	University	Colleges
2005	343	17,625
2004	320	16,885

The University Grants Commission (UGC), provides development grant to eligible universities/ colleges in each Plan.

(d)&(e) : Two Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs) at Kolkata and Pune have been set up and academic session has started from August,2006.The Foundation Stone for the third IISER at Mohali, Punjab has been laid by the Prime Minister in September,2006.The Govt. is in the process of setting up two more IISERs in Thiruvananthapuram and Bhopal.

(f)&(g) : According to the information furnished by the UGC, a Statement showing the status of number of colleges assisted by UGC under Xth Plan Development as on 31.3.2006 and number of colleges not assisted under Xth Plan is attached as Annexure-I. The main reason for not providing financial assistance was that the Colleges/ Institutions were not declared fit to receive grant under Section 12 (B) of UGC Act.